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This book offers an in depth analysis of the confrontation between popular movements and repressive regimes in Central America for the three decades beginning in 1960, particularly in El Salvador and Guatemala. Examining both urban and rural groups as well as both nonviolent social movements and revolutionary movements, this study has two primary theoretical objectives. The first seeks to clarify the impact of state violence on contentious political movements – under what conditions will escalating repression provoke challengers to even greater activity and perhaps even to the use of violence themselves – or, conversely, intimidate them back into passivity? The second defends the utility of the political process model for studying contentious movements, indeed, finds in this model the key to resolving the repression-protest paradox. The study is based on the most thorough set of events data on contentious political activities collected for Latin American countries.

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## *Abbreviations and Acronyms*

### *El Salvador*

AES	Asociación de Estudiantes de Secundaria
AGEMHA	Asociación General de Empleados del Ministerio de Hacienda
AGEUS	Asociación General de Estudiantes Universitarios Salvadoreños
ANDA	Asociación Nacional de Acueductos y Alcantarillado
ANDES	Asociación Nacional de Educadores Salvadoreños
ARENA	Alianza Republicana Nacionalista
ARS	Accion Revolucionaria Salvadorena
BPR	Bloque Popular Revolucionario
CCS	Comité Coordinación de Sindicatos
COACES	Confederación de Asociaciones Cooperativas
CODEFAM	Comité de Familiares de Presos, Desparacidos y Asesinados Políticós
CUTS	Confederación Unificada de Trabajadores Salvadoreños
CVES	Comisión de la Verdad para El Salvador
ERP	Ejército Revolucionario del Pueblo
FAPU	Frente de Acción Popular Unificada
FARN	Fuerzas Armadas de Resistencia Nacional
FDR	Frente Democrático Revolucionario

### Abbreviations and Acronyms

FECCAS	Federación Cristiana de Campesinos Salvadoreños
FENASTRAS	Federación Nacional Sindical de Trabajadores Salvadoreños
FESINCONTANS	Federación de Sindicatos de Construcción, Transportes y Similares
FMLN	Frente Farabundo Martí de Liberación Nacional
FNOC	Frente Nacional de Orientación Cívica
FPL	Fuerzas Populares de Liberación
FSR	Federación Sindical Revolucionaria
FTC	Federación de Trabajadores del Campo
FUAR	Frente Unido de Acción Revolucionaria
FUNPROCOOP	Fundación para la Promoción de Cooperativos
FUSS	Federación Unitaria Sindical de El Salvador
IUDOP	Instituto Universitario de Opinión Pública
LP-28	Ligas Populares 28 de Febrero
MNR	Movimiento Nacional Revolucionario
MUSYGES	Movimiento Unitario Sindical y Gremial de El Salvador
ORDEN	Organización Democrática Nacionalista
PCN	Partido de Conciliación Nacional
PCS	Partido Comunista de El Salvador
PDC	Partido Demócrata Cristiano
PRTC	Partido Revolucionario de los Trabajadores Centroamericanos
SJ	Soccorso Jurídico
TL	Tutele Legal
UCA	Universidad Centroamericana “José Simeón Cañas”
UCS	Unión Comunal Salvadoraña
UDN	Unión Democrática Nacionalista
UNADES	Unión Nacional de Damnificados
UNO	Unión Nacional Opositora
UNOC	Unidad Nacional Obrero Campesina

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UNTS	Unión Nacional de Trabajadores Salvadoreños
UPD	Unidad Popular Democrática
UPT	Unión de Pueblo de Tugurios
UR-19	Universitarios Revolucionarios 19 de Julio
UTC	Unión de Trabajadores del Campo

***Guatemala***

AEU	Asociación de Estudiantes Universitarios
ANC	Asociación Nacional Campesino
ANN	Alianza Nueva Nación
CEH	Comisión para el Esclarecimiento Histórico
CERJ	Consejo de Comunidades Etnicas ‘Runujel Junam’
CETE	Comité de Emergencia de los Trabajadores del Estado/Consejo de Entidades de Trabajadores del Estado
CGTG	Confederación General de Trabajadores de Guatemala
CIRMA	Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamérica
CNC	Confederación Nacional Campesina
CNCG	Confederación Nacional Campesina de Guatemala
CNT	Confederación Nacional de Trabajadores
CNUS	Comité Nacional de Unidad Sindical
CONAVIGUA	Coordinadora Nacional de Viudas de Guatemala
CONDEG	Consejo Nacional de Desplazados de Guatemala
CUC	Comité de Unidad Campesina
CUSG	Confederación de Unidad Sindical de Guatemala
DC	Partido Democracia Cristiana Guatemalteca
EGP	Ejército Guerrillero de los Pobres
EOS	Escuela de Orientación Sindical
FAR	Fuerzas Armadas Rebeldes (earliest)
FAR	Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias (after 1968)

### Abbreviations and Acronyms

FAS	Federación Autónoma Sindical
FASGUA	Federación Autónoma Sindical de Guatemala
FCG	Federación Campesina de Guatemala
FDNG	Frente Democrático Nueva Guatemala
FERG	Frente Estudiantil Robin García
FUEGO	Frente Unido Estudiantil Guatemalteco Organizado
FUR	Frente Unido de la Revolución
GAM	Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo
INTA	Instituto Nacional de Transformación Agraria
JOC	Juventud Obrera Católica
JPT	Juventud Patriótica del Trabajo
MLN	Movimiento de Liberación Nacional
MR-13	Movimiento Revolucionario 13 de Noviembre
MRP-Ixim	Movimiento Revolucionario Popular-Ixim
ORPA	Organización del Pueblo en Armas
PAC	Patrullas de Autodefensa Civil
PGT	Partido Guatemalteco del Trabajo
PID	Partido Institucional Democrático
PODER	Participación Organizada de Estudiantes Revolucionarios
PR	Partido Revolucionario
STUSC	Sindicato de Trabajadores de la Universidad de San Carlos
UNSI TRAGUA	Unión Sindical de Trabajadores de Guatemala
URNG	Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca

#### *Others*

AAAS	American Association for the Advancement of Science
AIFLD	American Institute for Free Labor Development
ATC	Asociación de los Trabajadores del Campo

### Abbreviations and Acronyms

CIIDH	International Center for Human Rights Investigations
FSLN	Frente Sandinista de Liberación Nacional
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MPU	Movimiento Popular Unido
OAS	Organization of American States
ORIT	Inter-American Regional Organization of Workers (AFL-CIO)
PRI	Partido Revolucionario Institucional
UMWA	United Mine Workers of America
UNAG	Unión Nacional de Agricultores y Ganaderos
UNC	Union Nacional de Campesinos
UPANacional	Unión de Pequeñas Agricultores Nacional
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development

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